

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN RE:

VITAMINS ANTITRUST LITIGATION

THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:

HILL'S PET NUTRITION, INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

F. HOFFMAN-LA ROCHE, LTD., et al.,

Defendants.

M.D.L. No. 1285

Misc. No. 99-0197 (TFH)

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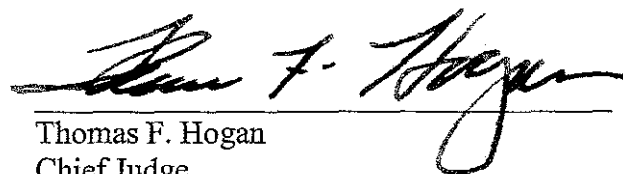
NANCY MAYER WHITTINGTON, CLERK
U.S. DISTRICT COURT

**ORDER OF DISMISSAL, WITH PREJUDICE,
OF HILL'S PET NUTRITION, INC.'S
CLAIMS AGAINST THE AVENTIS DEFENDANTS**

This cause is before the Court on the Motion of Plaintiff Hill's Pet Nutrition, Inc. ("Hill's Pet") for the dismissal, with prejudice, of Hill's Pet's claims in the above-captioned case against the Defendants Rhône-Poulenc S.A., Rhône-Poulenc Animal Nutrition, Inc., Rhône-Poulenc Animal Nutrition S.A., Rhône-Poulenc, Inc., and Rhône-Poulenc Ag Company, Inc. (collectively the "Aventis Defendants"). The Court has considered the Motion, the record in this case, and being otherwise advised, it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the above-captioned case of Hill's Pet Nutrition, Inc. v. F. Hoffman-La Roche, Ltd., et al., Case No. 00-4001-RDR is hereby DISMISSED with prejudice against Defendants Rhône-Poulenc S.A., Rhône-Poulenc Animal Nutrition, Inc., Rhône-Poulenc Animal Nutrition S.A., Rhône-Poulenc, Inc., and Rhône-Poulenc Ag Company, Inc. This dismissal is without prejudice to Hill's Pet's claims against any other Defendants or alleged co-conspirators in the above-captioned case.

Done and ordered in chambers in Washington, D.C. this 9 day of January, 2002.


Thomas F. Hogan
Chief Judge